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APPLICANT : BRUCE KREIKEMEIER, ET AL. GROUP NO.: 2121

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TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR READING THE STATUS
OF AND CONTROLLING IRRIGATION COMPONENTS

ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 3.71 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
10 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded, or submitted herewith for recording, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 CFR § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s). Assignee hereby certifies that the attached Assignment has been reviewed, and that to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints ZARLEY, McKEE, THOMTE, VOORHEES & SEASE, Customer No. 22,885, 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, telephone: 402-392-2280, as its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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ASSIGNMENT

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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC., a Delaware corporation, having an address of P.O. Box 358, Valley, Nebraska 68064, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/778,367, filed in the United States Patent Office on the 7th day of February, 2001, entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR READING THE STATUS OF AND CONTROLLING IRRIGATION COMPONENTS, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

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The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

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For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned hereby becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matter of

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